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SUBJECT: THE NETWORKING PARTY: CAREER ADVANCEMENT,
NOT IDEOLOGY, ATTRACTS YOUTH TO CCP

REF: A) BEIJING 905

Classified By: Acting Political Section Chief
Ben Moeling for Reasons 1.4 (b)(d)

SUMMARY

[11](#). (C) Chinese youth associated with Peking University pointed to career advancement and networking opportunities, rather than ideology, as f
AN ELITE GROUP

[12](#). (C) PoLOffs met November 12 with six university students and recent graduates, mostly from Peking University. The members of the group dis
STRONG ON SUPPORT, WEAK ON DOCTRINE

[13](#). (C) Gong Ting (protect), a senior at Peking University's School of International Studies who said she hoped to join the Foreign Ministry af

[14](#). (C) Chen characterized the CCP as "no longer communist" in the sense that it was no longer a party of peasants and workers since the Party
CHINA'S BAD RAP

[15](#). (C) The students voiced support for Chinese government efforts to expand the PRC's media influence abroad (reftel). Gong said that such a p
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Gong members demonstrating in Switzerland and Australia and believed they presented Westerners with a skewed view of the PRC. China must also

[16](#). (C) Gong had recently participated in an exchange program bringing together delegates of provincial-level National People's Congresses in C
MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

[17](#). (C) The students described the CCP application process as grueling but worthwhile, given the benefits and connections Party membership brir
"Private Employers Prefer Party Members"

[18](#). (C) Chen readily admitted that few young CCP members were driven by ideology and most joined the Party mainly to advance their careers. Pr

[19](#). (C) The students stressed that joining the Party had always provided an advantage in securing government positions or jobs at state-owned e

ALLURE OF STUDYING ABROAD FADING

[110](#). (C) The group also expressed changing attitudes about studying abroad, which was no longer viewed as the only path to success. Not long
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have been detrimental to her career in China "where all the action is." The group agreed that for students aspiring to government or business
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